



Narromine Gliding Club

Come and Soar with the Eagles



JULY 2023 – The World Gliding Championships 2023 Year

The club will be host to the World Championship from 20th November to 16th December

Pilots from up to 26 countries competing. Check out the website WGC2023.com.au

Club Operations winter and spring

The club is operating full time through August with instructor Mark Russell and Arnie as tug pilot. Both are busy with the annual maintenance program on the club gliders and the tow plane and are available for any bookings for training and flight reviews for our members and guests.

The club maintenance is a demanding task for our 6 gliders so any assistance from members is greatly appreciated.

Club Coaching

G. Dale is back in the last week of October and is booked for this coming season. G is a world class coach and members should take the opportunity to meet with him during his stay. His popular books on cross country flying are a must have for all pilots seeking to improve their cross country skills.

Memberships

Club memberships are due in July and the membership renewal form is attached with the newsletter and available online in the club website. Please check that your Gliding Federation membership is current before you start flying. All members will have a pilot profile on the Gliding Australia website under the Go Member link. If members require any assistance with this site they can contact Beryl for assistance. Arnie.hartley@gmail.com or phone 0407 459 581.

Gliding Australia is undertaking an overall change and upgrade to its online presence. There shall be many documents flowing to members with information on the changes.

The Narromine Cup will not be held on the usual date this year due to the hosting of the world championships.

NSWG Coaching week

The summer program is filling up fast with the New South Wales coaching week in early November. The Regional Coaching Manager Robbie Bull has a full program for the week. Any members interested in attending this informative week of cross country coaching may seek details and book with Robbie

coaching@nswgliding.org

Joey Glide

Australia junior pilots will be heading to Narromine in January for the annual Joeyglide championships. Pilots 15 to 25 years of age are invited to attend. The Uncle Foundation offers assistance to new students who are members of New South Wales Gliding Inc. Any young club member seeking to attend for coaching during Joeyglide should contact Beryl Hartley for details.



WHAT HAPPENED IN 2022/23 SEASON?

What a year!! Due to a small issue with access the state championships were moved to Narromine from Temora with a short period to prepare.

Fortunately with the assistance of members from the Hunter Valley Gliding Club and in particular Mick Webster, Tracey and Peter Hoogland we managed a challenging week of weather and a warm up of what was to come.

Australian National Championships

As the east of Australia was awash with flooding rivers and days of grey weeping skies during the spring and early summer, the decision to move the dates for the National championships to March 2023 was a good call.

This was an important event as Australian team members to compete in the world championships would be first and second place in each class result. The first time this process was used for selection due to the influence of the Covid years delays in competitions.

The entries were more than expected, the weather excellent for the autumn season and the last day close fight for selection from our top pilots make this an event to remember.

Our club has a relatively small membership, a great site and facilities. To the few club members who gave their time to ensure a safe and enjoyable week. Thank you!!

To members of the Hunter Valley Gliding club and the Bathurst Soaring Club. Thank you!!



Support from Club Members:

Thank you Fiona, Damien, Danielle & Stephanie for the wonderful meals.

Thank you Jacob and Gus for all the work in the kitchen and on the flight line.

Thank you Boris for the cool air.

Thank you Mick Webster – Contest Director

Thankyou to our tow pilots.

Welcome to the volunteers for WGC2023.:

Mike Durrant – Contest Director

Jenny Thompson – Operations

David Jansen – Tasksetting

Ed Marel – Weather

Jack Hart – Weighing

Kerrie Claffey – Marshalling

Bill Bartlett – Tug Master

Jacob Bloom – Events Manager

Plus the 40 plus passionate people who have put their hands up to be volunteers



Left: Grid Marshal – Kerrie Claffey in action

Above – Arnie Hartley with his evening role B-B-Que Chef extraordinaire.

**Renew your membership now!!
Support your club**